

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 22, 2007 has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered by the Applicant. Claims 1-30 are currently pending. Claims 1-30 stand rejected.

Claim Rejection Under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okita et al. US 6,225,998 B1 (hereinafter Okita) in view of Clauss et al. US 2002/0083377 A1 (hereinafter Clauss).

Claim 1 includes the feature of “in response to a user selecting the icon, displaying at least one proposed solution to a configuration error.” As mentioned in the previous response, Figure 5C, shown below, illustrates an icon that has been selected and proposed solutions to the configuration error.

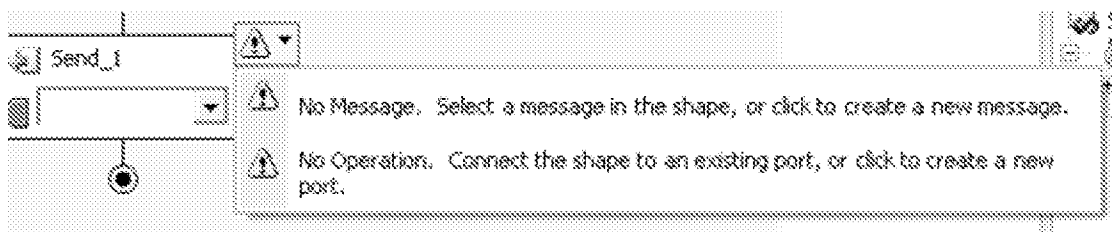
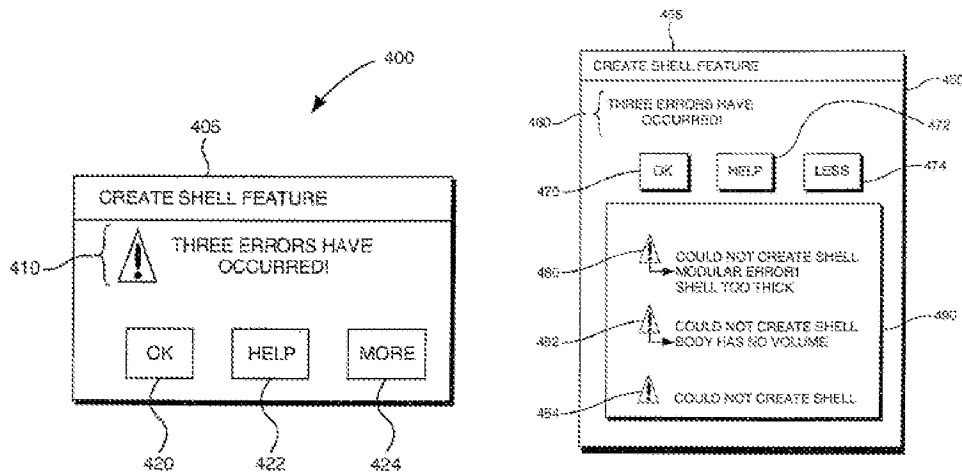


Figure 5C shows the proposed solutions of “Select a message in the shape, or click a new message” and “Connect the shape to an existing port, or click to create a new port.” Each one of these solutions may result in removing the configuration errors. One skilled in the art would appreciate, after reading the present application, that a proposed solution identifies actions that may be taken to remove a configuration error. See, for example, paragraphs 27 and 29.

On page 3 the Office Action admits that Okita does not disclose “in response to a user selecting the icon, displaying at least one proposed solution to a configuration error.” The Office Action then suggests that this feature is found in Clauss in FIGS. 4A, 4B and related text. Figures 4A and 4B are reproduced below:



The above figures and accompanying text, however, merely disclose information regarding the errors as opposed to the claimed “at least one proposed solution to a configuration error.” For example, Clauss discloses that the display depicted in FIGS. 4A and 4B provide the user with a description of the error in general terms, an error summary, operations that caused the error/warning, detailed error log widows, and additional information about the errors and/or warnings. *See* paragraphs [0037]-[0044]. None of these messages include the claimed “at least one proposed solution to a configuration error.” Rather, Clauss only discloses the identification of errors and does not disclose indicating any action that can be taken to remove a configuration error. For these reasons, the combination of Okita and Clauss cannot fairly arrive at claim 1.

The Office Action at p. 2 asserts that Clauss discloses the claimed feature of “displaying at least one proposed solution to a configuration error” at paragraph [0043] lines 10-16, which sets forth “[t]his additional information provides the user with information about how to recover from the error.” Paragraph [0043] contemplates the display of errors in a hierarchical manner, such that the user can expand a construction error to obtain additional information, for example, reasons why the construction error occurred. This does not, however, constitute the claimed feature of “displaying at least one proposed solution to a configuration error,” because information about how to recover from an error, such as why the error occurred does not fairly suggest a “proposed solution to a configuration error.” Rather, it implies that a user will have to evaluate the reason for the error and determine possible solutions to the error. As a result, the combination of Okita and Clauss does not arrive at the claimed feature of “displaying at least one proposed solution to a configuration error.”

For at least this reason, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is not rendered obvious in light of Okita in view of Clauss and is in condition for allowance. The remaining independent claims, 18, 24, 29 and 30, also include features similar to “in response to a user selecting the icon, displaying at least one proposed solution to a configuration error” and are allowable for similar reasons. The dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the claims from which they depend.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should it be deemed necessary to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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